



EXHIBIT B

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: REID et al.

Application No.: 09/487,318

Group Art Unit: 1636

Filed: January 19, 2000 Examiner: Quang Nguyen, Ph.D.

For: HUMAN LIVER PROGENITORS Attorney Docket No. 320727.50101

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated <u>December 18, 2002</u>, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-6, 8-9, 11-35, 38-39, and 42-48.

The items listed below are appropriate.

- 1. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the final rejection is enclosed. The Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is enclosed: Fee \$465.00.
 - 2. Notice of Appeal is enclosed: Fee \$160.00
- 3. Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.18 to Deposit Account No. 50-1710 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

06/19/2003 MDAMTE1 00000011 09487318

01 FC:2401 02 FC:2253 160.00 OP

REID *et al.*Application No.: 09/487,318

4. Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

Gilberto M. Villacorta, Ph.D.

Registration No. 34,038

Serge Sira

Registration No. 39,445

Robert R. Seabold, PH.D.

Registration No. 41,298

Patent Administrator KATTEN MUCHIN ZAVIS ROSENMAN 525 West Monroe Street, Suite 1600 Chicago, IL 60661-3693 Telephone: (202) 625-3500

Telephone: (202) 625-3500 Facsimile: (312) 902-1061

Date: June 18, 2003

Doc #:WAS01 (320727-50101) 41481348v1;06/18/2003/Time:15:14